



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 18 March, 2020

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Finance Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 825) (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke*) – *First Reading*.
2. Federal College of Health Technology, ItEbukunmi, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 826) (*Hon. Kolade V. Akinjo*) – *First Reading*.
3. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 827) (*Hon. Kabir Ibrahim Tukura & 2 Others*) – *First Reading*.
4. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 828) (*Hon. Kabir Ibrahim Tukura & 2 Others*) – *First Reading*.
5. National Waste Management and Recycling Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.829) (*Hon. Babiru Amadu*) – *First Reading*.

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Civil Aviation Act, Cap. C13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Civil Aviation Bill for the Regulation of Civil Aviation in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 460) (*Leader*) – *Second Reading*.
 2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Act, Cap. F5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Bill to Provide for the effective Management of Airports in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 461) (*Leader*) – *Second Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical) Ako, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State; and for Related Ma tters (HB. 430) (*Hon. Adekoya Adesegun Abdel-Majid*) – *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Postal Service Act, Cap. N127, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the payment of all monies received by the Service into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; and for Related Matters (HB. 200) (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos*) – *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Nigerian Road Infrastructure Intervention; and for Related Matters (HB. 619) (*Hon. Oberuakpefe Anthony Afe*) – *Second Reading*.
 6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Births, Deaths, Etc. (Compulsory Registration) Act, Cap. B9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HBs. 74 and 385) (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun and Hon. Ademorin Kuye*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

7. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:**
Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:

- (i) *Nigeria Sports Anti-Doping Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 534)*
- (ii) *Nigerian Council for Social Work (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 655); and*
- (iii) *Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investigative Professionals of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 791)*

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve (12), Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo;

Also notes that the aforementioned Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bills were re-gazetted as HBs. 534, 655 and 791 respectively and read the first time;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

8. Need for Banking Infrastructure at Yana in Shira Local Government Area and Giade in Giade Local Government Area, Bauchi State:

Hon. Kani Abubakar Faggo:

The House:

Notes that Yana is the headquarters of Shira Local Government Area while Giade is the headquarters of Giade Local Government Area, both of which are in Bauchi State;

Also notes that the First Bank Nigeria Plc was the only financial institution in Yana while Intercontinental Bank was the only bank that existed in Giade;

Aware that the people of Yana and Giade are predominantly farmers and a host of them also engage in small scale businesses while others are government employees;

Also aware that in 1977, the Federal Government introduced the rural banking scheme to cultivate banking habits among rural dwellers for the purpose of channeling the savings into profitable ventures;

Further aware that in an effort to check the issue of rural-urban migration which could hamper rural development, the Federal Government, through the Central Bank of Nigeria, made it mandatory for commercial banks to open and operate branches in the rural areas;

Recalls that in 2011, the Intercontinental Bank in Giade was closed for undisclosed reasons, while in 2012, a group of gunmen raided Yan, burned down the police station and destroyed the only bank in the town;

Concerned that since the closure of the banks in Yana and Giade, there has been no financial institution established in either towns such that rural dwellers have had to depend solely on operators of Points of Sale (POS) machines who tax them heavily for each transaction;

Also concerned that due to the non-existence of banks in Shira and Giade Local Government Areas, the people are being denied access to various development programmes of the Federal Government, in collaboration with the Central Bank and commercial banks, which are aimed at making credit facilities available to rural dwellers;

Cognizant that accessibility to banking facilities by rural dwellers will not only make life easier for the people of Shira and Giade, but will also improve economic activities and foster development in the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government, through the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), to ensure that commercial banks perform their role towards rural development by opening branches at Yana in Shira Local Government Area and Giade in Giade Local Government Area of Bauchi State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Banking and Currency and Rural Development to ensure implementation.

9. **Urgent Need to Build, Equip and Upgrade the Lassa Fever and Other Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers Center in Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBUTH) Bauchi:**
Hon. Yunusa Ahmad Abubakar:

The House:

Notes that sometime in 2014, the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBUTH) was made one of the frontier Centers for managing lassa fever and other viral haemorrhagic fevers, covering the North East Zone with some referrals from the North West Zone;

Also notes that since the designation of ATBUTH as a Center to manage Lassa fever patients, no specific building/structure has been erected for managing patients, no diagnostic machines/equipment have been procured and no safety materials have been provided for the medical personnel in the Center;

Aware that the contagious nature of lassa fever and other viral haemorrhagic fevers makes it imperative for extreme caution to be exercised in handling infected persons and to also ensure that the Center is in an isolated part of the hospital;

Concerned that despite support from the French Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), "Medicines Sans Frontiers (MSF)" also known as "Doctors Without Borders" who have built tents and camps within the hospital which have helped in isolating and treating cases of lassa fever, there is insufficient funding to equip the Center;

Worried that due to inadequate facilities at the Center, about ten (10) doctors were recently confirmed to have been infected with lassa fever within a space of five (5) days and two of them have died while many are undergoing screening;

Cognizant that with the recent outbreak of lassa fever, the lives of doctors, other medical personnel and their family members are at high risk due to inadequate safety kits and safe environment for handling patients at the Center;

Also cognizant of the urgent need to equip and upgrade the Center with purpose built structures, adequate safety kits and appropriate facilities to efficiently manage patients;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) and the Federal Ministry of Health to immediately equip the ATBUTH Lassa Fever Center with purpose built structures and adequate facilities to ensure the safe management of the Center;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, Health Institutions and Health Institutions to interface with the Chief Medical Director of ATBUTH on ways to ensure efficient management of the Centre after it has been equipped;
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, Health Institutions and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks further legislative action.

**10. Need to Enforce Truck Integrity Tests on Articulated Vehicles Plying Nigeria's Highways:
Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante:**

The House:

Recalls that on 16 October, 2019, a petrol-laden tanker rammed into buildings in Onitsha, spilled its contents which sparked a fire that ravaged buildings, consumed goods worth millions of naira and ended the lives of many innocent people, including a mother and her child;

Also recalls that on 1 July, 2019 a similar incident occurred in Benue State when a crashed fuel tanker exploded, leading to loss of lives and destruction of properties, and many other accidents involving articulated vehicles on highways across the country have been documented;

Aware that during a stakeholders' meeting with Tank Farm Operators with the theme, 'Safe Haulage Vehicle Operations in Nigeria' held on Monday, 14 October, 2019 in Lagos, the Corps Marshal of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Boboye Oyeyemi informed the gathering that in 2018, a total of 650 tankers and trailers were involved in crashes with over 90% of the affected vehicles having been in use for haulage toperations for over 30 years;

Also aware that the Corps Marshal further disclosed that 1048 people lost their lives in eleven months as a result of tanker and trailer crashes while the country lost N39 billion during the same period, all due to the poor conditions of the articulated vehicles plying the nation's highways;

Concerned that relevant agencies of government such as the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIOs) may not have been doing enough to ascertain the condition of articulated vehicles plying the roads and believes that if they enforce the truck integrity tests on all articulated vehicles before they leave their depots, incidences of articulated vehicles accidents will reduce significantly;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIOs) to enforce truck integrity tests on all articulated vehicles before they leave the depots;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure compliance.

**11. Need to Mediate in the Ongoing Rift between the Operators of Premier Lotto and Western Lotto:
Hon. Akin Alabi:**

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has one of the largest markets in Africa for gambling activities and is known for its long standing involvement in gambling of all sorts like sports betting, pools and land casino games;

Also notes that gaming and lottery activities are an apex at the moment owing largely to an ever growing youth population and increased internet availability and accessibility;

Further notes that despite being a huge and thriving venture with unlimited prospects and largely responsible for creation of credible employment for the youths, it is still far from achieving its optimum potentials;

Aware that there has been a tug of war between the operators of Premier Lotto and Western Lotto which is causing a stir in the industry;

Also aware that several other sports betting companies are currently being investigated by operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission owing to allegations of sharp practices, tax evasion and economic sabotage against the companies;

Further aware that a general controversy has ensued with the lottery operator, Western Lotto, owing to a claim that gives the company sole rights to a particular kind of game;

Concerned that the discord in the Industry, if not promptly and properly tackled, could scald the Industry in more ways than one, particularly in terms of loss of revenues by the government and also loss of jobs by several individuals;

Also concerned that a prolonged neglect of disputes like this can only result in nothing but Industry instability which also encourages continued upsurge in illegal activities of unlicensed operators;

Further concerned that the Industry remains at risk of personal and political interests coming to play if the controversies are not investigated and dealt with; as the law must be dispensed fairly and equally to every operator within the industry;

Worried that the authority of the National Lottery Regulatory Commission which has responsibility to regulate the activities of operators in the Industry is already being undermined by Western Lotto which is claiming to have obtained sole rights of a game without consultation, directive or approval of the Commission;

Cognizant that Section 7 (b) of the National Lottery Act empowers the Commission to, in collaboration with the licensee, set standards, guidelines and rules for the operation of lottery in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Governmental Affairs to interface with relevant stakeholders, including the National Lottery Regulatory Commission, the Minister of Special Duties and Intergovernmental Affairs and other key operators towards resolving the controversies raging the industry and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**12. Need to Investigate the Contentious Delay in Contracting the Export Processing Zone (EPZ), Ogidigben and the Deep Sea Port at Gbaramatu:
Hon. Thomas Ereyitomi:**

The House:

Notes that in 2015, the Federal Government carried out the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of Export Processing Zone (EPZ) Ogidigben in Warri South-West Local Government Area of Delta State which is to comprise an Industrial Gas hub and a Deep Sea Port at Gbaramatu;

Also notes that over 400 hectares of land was acquired and cleared for the purpose of the Export Processing Zone (EPZ), to accommodate a major Industrial Gas hub, Petrochemical, Methanol as well as Fertilizer within the industrial park;

Aware that the project was to contribute to the diversification of the Nation's economy and boost the agricultural, manufacturing and solid minerals sectors through proper harnessing and exploitation of the abundant gas reserves available in the area and attract foreign direct investments, open up a lot of opportunities for industrial growth and attract huge foreign earnings for the economy;

Worried that since the ground breaking ceremony, the construction of the Industrial Gas Project which will be the biggest gas producer in sub-Saharan Africa capable of providing over 100,000 direct jobs at the construction stage and over 450,000 jobs at the completion stage for the teeming youths in the Niger Delta and Nigeria in general is yet to commence;

Disturbed that the huge local and foreign direct investment potentials that the project ought to have attracted to the region, coupled with the much-needed technological transfer benefits that would have accrued to the country are all stalled;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Export Processing Zones Authority (NEPZA) to present a blue print for the workability of the Export Processing Zone, Ogidigben to the House within 3 weeks;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Gas Resources to investigate and unravel the reasons why the construction of the Ogidigben Export Processing Zone Project is yet to commence and report back within three 3 weeks for further legislative action.

13. Need to Declare a State of Emergency on the Challenges of Youth Development in Nigeria:

Hon. Muda Lawal Umar

Hon. Kabir Ibrahim Tukura

Hon. Karu Simon Elisha:

The House:

Notes that the population of Nigeria, as reported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNPF), has risen to about 201 million in 2019 with 60% of the population being made up of youths between ages 15-35;

Also notes that for Nigeria to attain meaningful economic development and for the youths to be part of the global system, the Federal Government must address the socio-economic factors bedevilling the youths;

Concerned that if the current socio-economic challenges of unemployment, poverty, drug abuse, insecurity, access to quality educational and economic opportunities, corruption and greed in Nigeria are not addressed, it could undermine the stability and sustainable economic development of the country;

Aware that the resultant effects of those challenges on youths are the increasing crime rate such as kidnapping, insurgency, banditry, armed robbery, cybercrimes, prostitution and other vices;

Worried that some of the youths are being manipulated by politicians to either serve as political thugs during elections or to engage in senseless anti-government protests as a result of their vulnerable conditions;

Cognizant that youths occupy a strategic position in any country's developmental process as their productive capacities and income generating activities contribute to the economic development of any nation;

Believes that declaring a state of emergency on the challenges facing Nigerian youths have become imperative given the current circumstances;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency on the challenges facing Nigerian youths and devise measures to tackle them;

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**14. Fire Incident that claimed Lives and Destroyed Houses due to Lack of Social Infrastructure in Biagbini, Ondo State and Abganestan, Gombe State:
Hon. Kolade Victor Akinjo:**

The House:

Notes that Biagbini is a thickly populated riverine fishing community largely occupied by Ijaw people in Ese-Odo Local Government Area of Ondo State;

Also notes that a fire incident occurred in the community on 6 July, 2019 and claimed the lives of 70 years old Mrs Moyo Jide and her four grandchildren, Jennifer, 3 years, Bigdaddy, 5 years, Gbana, 7 years and Wisdom, 9 years;

Further notes that the fire incident, which caused the unfortunate deaths, started around 12 midnight and the rescue efforts to save the victims were hindered by dearth of social infrastructure like wooden footbridges connecting homes, health facilities, potable water, electricity etc;

Aware of reports in the Punch Newspaper of July 13, 2019 where lack of infrastructure in Biagbini community was specifically captured as well as avoidable deaths in the agrarian Abganestan Community, in Akko Local Government Area of Gombe State owing to non-provision of Primary Health Facility in the Community and lack of a linking bridge to Kwari community;

Further aware that when it rains, the community is completely flooded and movement is almost impossible, thereby making life very difficult for the residents of those communities;

Cognizant of the provision of Section 4 of the 1999 Constitution which empowers the National Assembly to make laws for good governance of the Federation or any part thereof with respect to any matter included in the Exclusive Legislative List;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the victims of fire incident in Biagbini and Abganestan communities;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs and the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to address the infrastructural challenges of Biagbini, a Niger Delta community of Ondo State;
- (iii) also urge the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency to provide Primary Health Care Centres at Biagbini in Ondo State and Abganestan in Gombe State;
- (iv) further urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Ecological Fund Office to intervene in the infrastructural challenges of the communities;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Development Commission, Niger Delta Affairs, Health Care Services, Environment and Ecological Fund Office to ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

15. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculturists and to make Provisions for Establishment, Function and Administration of Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists; and for Related Matters (HB.104) (*Hon. Munir Babba Dan-Agundi*) (*Committee of the Whole: 9/10/2019*).
16. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Counselling Practitioners Council of Nigeria charged with Responsibility of Advancing the Study, Training and Practice of Counselling Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 409) (*Hon. Muhammad Wudil*) (*Committee of the Whole: 21/11/2019*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 18 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday, 18 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 427 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	General Meeting of Members of the North-West Caucus	Wednesday, 18 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 028 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Justice	Wednesday, 18 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 141 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Delegated Legislations	Wednesday, 18 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (New Building) Assembly Complex
6.	Water (with RBDA for the 2019 Budget Performance Appraisal)	Wednesday, 18 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 034 (New Building) Assembly Complex
7.	Internal Security of the National Assembly	Wednesday, 18 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 305 (New Building) Assembly Complex
8.	Appropriations (Interactive Session with Director General, Budget Office of the Federation, Director General, Bureau of Public Procurement and Executive Secretary, Universal Basic Education Commission)	Wednesday, 18 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 120 (New Building) Assembly Complex
9.	Justice	Wednesday, 18 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 357 (New Building) Assembly Complex